

Wilson Theater **Music Hall**

Address: 350 Madison

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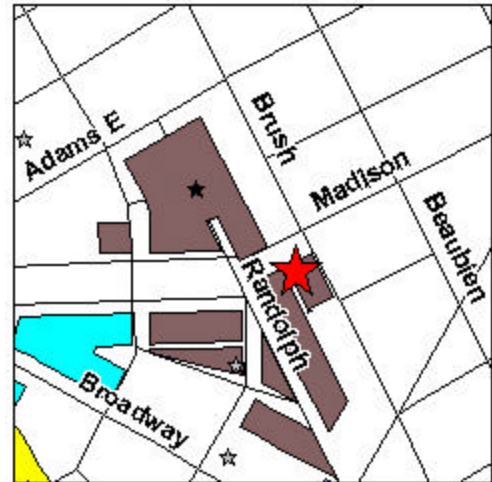
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Historic Overview:

The Wilson Theatre (Music Hall) is a rectangular, six-story, Art Deco theater with walls of light colored stone. Orange and tan brick is used as ornament and the building is trimmed with colorful mosaic tile. The entrance facade is divided into several bays by wide stone pillars topped by theatrical terra cotta mask figures, and thin pillars separating window bays. The stunning interior, decorated in an elaborate Spanish Renaissance style, seats approximately 1800 guests. It is one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture in Detroit. Matilda Dodge Wilson, who provided the funds, commissioned William Kapp of the Detroit firm of Smith, Hinchman, & Grylls to design the theater, and it was completed in 1928 at a cost of \$1.5 million. The building was constructed as a legitimate theater and originally housed touring Broadway productions in the city's main theater district. In 1946 the name of the building was changed from the Wilson Theatre to the Music Hall when it became the home of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The building was changed into a Cinerama in 1951 and since has been beautifully restored.

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